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The Chief Minister,
Government of Madras,
Madras.

Dear Sir,

I beg to enclose herewith also a memorandum intended to be presented to the Hon. Minister for Public Works on his recent visit to our district, but could not do so on account of cancellation of his tour programme owing to his illness.

Thanking you.

Yours Faithfully,
K. Venkkappa
Secretary
for, South Kanara Krishika Sangha (Mulki Branch)
Mulki

Dated 24--9--1952.

To

The Hon. Chief Minister,
Government of Madras,
M A D R A S.

Dear Sir,

We the undermentioned representatives of the S. K. Krishika Sangha beg to lay the following grievances before you, our beloved Chief Minister, for sympathetic consideration:

It is well known fact that our Sangha is one of the branches of the Indian National Congress, now ruling party of our Government, since it was started and fostered by the S. K. District Congress Committee. All these years we were co-operating heartily with our National organisation. Our Sangha was agitating for tenancy legislation by our Government, all these 6 years, since it had been represented to our Government every now and then. The various hardships we were having at the hands of landholders. It is well known to our Government that the landholders whose lands we are tilling are harassing us without our fault in spite of payment of rents due to them and ejecting us from our holdings either resorting to law or by force so much so that we have become their virtual slaves. Our Government having come to know of this has enacted tenancy law in some other districts of this State without applying the same to our district which is in dire need of the same. We are supposed to grow more food, but we are not getting sufficient remuner tion for all the troubles that we are taking day and night. We along with our women folk and children work very hard yet we starve and suffer because of high rate of rents that we pay to our landholders. There is no fixity of rents and hence they can demand as much as they

like. We trusted the Government to do the necessary justice to us but we who stood by the Congress and by the Congress Government through thick and thin now feel frustrated. We feel that the freedom that we won in the year 1947 is not a freedom in a real sense of the term unless we are freed from the shackles of our landlords.

Under the circumstances, we earnestly re uest you to either apply similar tenancy legislation accordingly or cause to bring in a stay Order on ejectments of the tenants pending such legislation.

We also wish to bring to your kind notice that if such measures are not taken by the Govennment by the 5th of November, 1952, then we have no alternative left to us than to choose our Revered Guru Bapuji's method of non-violent Satyagraha before the District Collector's Office since that is the only last resort left to the suffering people to bring their cause to the notice of the Government by volunteerly suffering. We request you therefore, please not to take this as a threat but to consider our case sympathetically. A clear statement in regard to this matter from the Government is eagerly solicited.

Thanking you in anticipation,

We beg to remain,
Dear Sir,
Ever Yours,

SECRETARY
South Kanara Krishika Sangha
(Mulki Branch)
MULKI.

Copies to:
Sri Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India
The Collector, South Kanara District
Sri U. N. Suvarna, B.A.,B.L., M.L.A.
The President, Mulki Firka Ad-Hoc Committee, Mulki.

MEMORANDUM

To

The Honourable Sri N. Ranga Reddy,

Minister for Public Works, Government of MADRAS.

Honoured Sir,

It is with great pleasure we extend our hearty welcome to you to our midst and we are very eager to avail ourselves of the opportunity to place before you the following for favourable consideration.

Eversince the dawn of Freedom to our dear Motherland, we placed our implicit faith in the Government of India and in the State Government, that our chains of slavery and bondage would be broken soon. We still remain slaves to our land lords and capitalists. Our simple request for the last 6 years, for the tenancy legislation has not seen the light of day. We who stood by the Congress and by the Congress Government through thick and thin, now feel frustrated. We request for an immediate remedy in the way of tenancy legislation and pending which a stay order from evictions. Our class is restless, but wants to choose the Gandhian method of non-violence and non-co-operation. We councelled patience to our brethren to wait till November 1952 to see the out come of the next Assembly proceedings. If nothing is done in the mean while to relieve our sufferings, we regret to say that there is no alternative left to us than to offer non-violent Satyagraha in the District Collector's office and to suffer for the good cause. We may kindly be excused for our frankness.

We, therefore, humbly request you, Sir to use your worthy office to plead the Government on our behalf and place our humble request for the legislation as indicated above and thus save our class from the clutches of the land lords and capitalists.

We one and all wish you a long life of useful service to our dear Mother land and sincerely thank you for affording us this opportunity to present this Memorandum to you.

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We beg to remain,
Honoured Sir,
Ever your's,

PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS
South Kanara District Krishika Sangha, (Mulki Branch)
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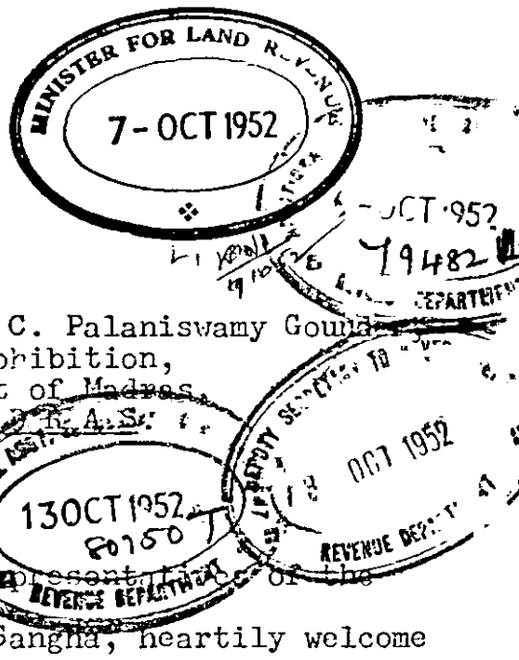

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Submitted to

The Honourable Sri V. C. Palaniswamy Gounder,
Minister for Prohibition,
Government of Madras,
M A D R A S.

Honoured Sir,

We the undermentioned representatives of the South Kanara District Krishika Sangha, heartily welcome you to our midst and we are very eager to avail ourselves of the opportunity to represent our following grievances for favourable consideration.

It is well known fact that our Sangha is one of the branches of the Indian National Congress, now the ruling party of our Government and all these years we were co-operating heartily with our National Organisation. Our Sangha was agitating for tenancy legislation by our Government all these 6 years since it had been represented to our Government every now and then, the various hardships we are having at the hands of land holders. It is well known to our Government that the land holders, whose lands we are tilling are harassing us without our fault in spite of payment of the rents due to them and ejecting us from our holdings either resorting to law or by force so much so that we have become their virtual slaves. Our Government having come to know of this has enacted tenancy law in some other districts of this State, without applying the same to our district which is in dire need of the same.

We therefore humbly request you Sir, to use your worthy Office to plead the Government on our behalf and place our humble request for the legislation as indicated above or cause to bring in a Stay Order on ejectments of the tenants pending such legislation.

Further we are thankful to our Government for having selected our Firka under Community Project Scheme, but we

feel rather hesitant to co-operate heartily in this scheme as the security of tenure of our holdings is not certain and hence we think our hard labour under this scheme will be benefited by others. So in order to give an encouragement, a stay order is quite necessary.

We one and all wish you a long life of useful service to our Mother-land and sincerely thank you for affording us this opportunity to present this Memorandum to you.

J A I H I N D

We beg to remain
Honoured Sir,
Ever yours,

M U L K I
2nd Oct.,52.

President and Members, South Kanara Krishika Sangha (Mulki Branch)

K. Venkappa
Secretary

Revenue Department.

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MEMORANDUM No. 77703-T/52-2 dated 15.11.52.

LAND TENURE - (South Kanara) - Tenancy legislation - Passing of - Request - Reply.

From the Secretary, South Kanara District Krishika Sangha (Mulki Branch), Mulki, Letter dated 25-9-52.

The Secretary of the ~~Sangha mentioned~~ Mulki Branch of the South Kanara Distrct Krishika Sangha above is informed that the whole question of ~~tenancy reforms as for~~ this State as a whole, ~~which was considered by the L.R.B.C.~~ is under examination ~~of the Government and a decision in the matter~~ Hon'ble Cheif Minister is ~~likely to be arrived at soon.~~ and that the necessary legislation in this behalf will be undertaken as early as possible.

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To the Secretary,
South Kanara Krishika Sangha
(Mulki Branch) Mulki,
South Kanara.

Revenue Department...

LAND TENURE. - (South Kanara) - Tenancy legislation - Passing of - Request.

(C.No.77703-T/52)

From the Secretary, South Kanara District Krishika Sangha (Mulki Branch), Mulki, Letters dated 2nd October 1952.

To A.S.

Please see the representations in the c.f.

2. For the reasons stated on pp.2-3 c.f., the South Kanara Krishika Sangha represents that it has been agitating for tenancy legislation since the past six years and that the tenants of the South Kanara district are ~~having~~ experiencing various hardships at the hands of their landholders. The Sangha also represents that the Government have enacted tenancy law to some other districts without applying the same to South-Kanara. (This statement presumably refers to the promulgation of the Tanjore Ordinance which is applicable only to Tanjore district). The Sangha now requests that similar tenancy legislation may be passed for South Kanara district failing which atleast stay orders may be issued on eviction of the tenants pending such legislation. The Sangha further states that if such measures are not taken by the Government by 5-11-52, it has decided to offer non-violent Satyagraha before the South Kanara District Collector's Office. The Sangha also expects a clear statement in regard to this matter from the Government.

3. Several representations were previously received containing the same request and they were examined. The Collector of South Kanara who ~~had~~ was consulted in the matter, recommended in November 1950 that there was no need to enact interim legislation for the ~~prosecution~~ protection of chalgeni tenants in that district. The Board of

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Revenue also agreed with the Collector. Orders to that effect were also obtained in circulation including the previous M(Agri.) [now M(Health)]. Apart from this, the recommendations of the L.R.R.C. on the tenancy problems, applicable to the whole State, are under examination and legislation will be undertaken on them shortly. As regards the Tanjore Ordinance, the question of extending the provisions of the Ordinance to the other areas of the State will be taken up as and when it is considered necessary. In the circumstances, it is submitted that no ~~for orders whether any~~ separate action need be taken on the request of the Krishika Sangha for enacting tenancy legislation for South Kanara or atleast for issuing stay orders on eviction of tenants. If so, it is also for orders whether a reply may be given to the Secretary of the Sangha that the whole question of tenancy reforms in this State which was considered by the L.R.R.C. is under examination of the Government. Subject to orders a draft Memo. is submitted for approval. M (L.R) may see.

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ex/ Seems unnecessary to send any reply.
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No. It is always better to tell them on interview.
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Pub (Genl) may see in view of the threat to refer to Saligrama — see X on p. 3 C.
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Please see the Note for the 1 Aug. The draft memo below may be approved

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